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FOLLOWING REPEAT BUDAPEST 1658 ACTION SECSTATE JUN 4.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 1658

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FOR COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, HU

SUBJ: CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS

REFS: A) BUDAPEST 0680 ON MARCH 22, 1974;

B) BUDAPEST 3118 OF NOVEMBER 8, 1974

1. ON APRIL 23 EMBASSY RECEIVED FORMAL CONFIRMATION FROM GOH--ACCEPTING U.S. INTERPRETATION OF HILLENBRAND-NAGY 1971 AGREEMENT THAT NEITHER INTERNAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS NOR EXIT/ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS APPLY EITHER TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BUDAPEST, FAMILY AND DRIVER, OR TO HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, FAMILY AND DRIVER (BUDAPEST A-53, MAY 29, 1975). NOW IT APPEARS TIMELY AND PROPITIOUS TO EFFECT GENERAL AND TOTAL ABOLITION OF TRAVEL AND EXIT/ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS FOR OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS.
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2. TO INTER THIS RELIC OF THE COLD WAR WILL REMOVE ANOTHER BIT OF DEBRIS FROM THE BATTLEFIELD OF YEARS PAST. TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AT THIS JUNCTURE TO DEPFONMIN NAGY'S NOVEMBER 8, 1974 INITIATIVE APPEARS TACTICALLY DESIRABLE FOR A NUMBER

OF REASONS: A) THE U.S. REPLY ON 1974 GOLD COIN IMPORTS (STATE 127938) HAS HIT THE MAGYAR IN THE WALLET WHERE IT HURTS; B) NAGY IS APPARENTLY BEING HELPFUL ON MESTERHAZY (BUDAPEST 1483 AND BUDAPEST 1631),--AND EVEN SEEMINGLY FLIRTATIOUS WITH RESPECT TO KADAR (BUDAPEST 1632); AND C) ESZTERGALYOS HAS JUST BEGUN HIS DISCOVERY OF THE NEW WORLD. SO IT WOULD SEEM TO ME WHERE I SIT TO BE RIGHT AND PROPER TO GIVE THE HUNGARIANS A "NO COST/LOW COST" BENEFIT BY ANNULING THE ANTIQUATED RESTRICTIONS WHICH SERVE LITTLE PURPOSE IN 1975 AND THEN ALLOWING THAT DECISION TO BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

3. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, I WOULD PROPOSE TO VISIT NAGY THE WEEK OF JUNE 9, REFER TO HIS NOVEMBER 8, 1974 CONVERSATION WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN WHEN HE PROPOSED TO ELIMINATE ALL CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS (BUDAPEST 3118) AND ASK WHETHER GOH STILL ADHERES TO THAT POLICY PROPOSAL. IF NAGY REAFFIRMS GOH POSITION, I SHALL PROPOSE TO EXCHANGE NOTES ON THE SPOT AND TO AGREE RIGHT THEN AND THERE ON THE TEXT AND TIMING OF A SIMULTANEOUS PRESS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON AND BUDAPEST IF ON OTHER HAND NAGY EXPRESSES HESITATION OR NEED FOR TIME TO COORDINATE MATTERS WITHIN THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT, I WOULD PROPOSE TO SAY THAT I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION THE TEXT OF A NOTE AND THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE AND THAT I SHALL BE PLEASED TO RETURN TO HIS OFFICE AND CONFER WITH HIM AT LATER DATE WHEN GOH HAS MADE UP IT MIND. MEANWHILE I WOULD, OF COURSE, REPORT THE FONOFF INDECISION TO MY AUTHORITIES.

4. IF YOU CONCUR WITH PROPOSAL AND TIMING, WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING AS DRAFT TEXT:

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE CONVERSATIONS OF MARCH 22, 1974 AND NOVEMBER 8, 1974 BETWEEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY
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AND FORMER AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN REGARDING ABOLITION OF CLOSED AREAS AND RESTRICTED EXIT/ENTRY POINTS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS PREPARED TO ELIMINATE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT ALL CLOSED AREA AND ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS NOW APPLYING TO MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ACCREDITED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IN RETURN FOR A RECIPROCAL ELIMINATION OF ALL CLOSED AREA AND EXIT/ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS APPLYING TO MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACCREDITED TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND TO OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA AND THE NOTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WITH THE SAME CONTENT
AND CONTAINING THE APPROVAL OF THE HUNGARIAN SIDE SHALL
CONSTITUTE AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL ELIMINATION OF CLOSED AREA
AND EXIT/ENTRY RESTRICTIONS ON THE PART OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.
THE AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE THESE RESTRICTIONS SHALL TAKE
EFFECT ON THE DAY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A NOTE IN THE ABOVE
SENSE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS
ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC THE
ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE

5. WE FURTHER SUGGEST FOLLOWCNG TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE
FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON AND BUDAPEST ON THE
DAY THE AGREEMENT TAKES EFFECT:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES AND THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC TODAY AGREED TO END A SERIES OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS
APPLICABLE TO DIPLOMATS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF EACH COUNTRY.
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS DECIDED TO ELIMINATE CLOSED ZONES AND
ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS, WHICH FOR MANY YEARS HAVE LIMITED
THE MOVEMENT OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN HUNGARY AND HUNGARIAN
OFFICIALS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE AGREEMENT REPRESENTS
YET ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED
STATES AND HUNGARY TO NORMALIZE THEIR RELATIONS.
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END QUOTE

6. ACTION REQUESTED: I SHOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS
AND COMMENTS.
MCAULIFFE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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